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In re Application of:

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HAVING STABLE
HYDROPHILIC CHARACTER

Group Art Unit: 1755
Examiner:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants wish to call to the Examiner's attention the attached references, which generally relate to the present invention. Copies of any cited foreign patents, non-patent literature, and unpublished US application documents are enclosed. Pursuant to the waiver in the Pre-OG Notice, dated July 25, 2003, copies of US patents and published US patent applications are no longer required and are not enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to indicate that each reference has been considered.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following co-pending, co-assigned U.S. Patent application and the references cited therein: USSN 09/612,418, filed July 7, 2000.

A copy of Serial No. 09/612,418 from the above listing is enclosed herewith for consideration by the Examiner.

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Applicants submit that the above references, whether taken alone or in combination with each other neither anticipate nor render obvious the present invention. Consideration of the foregoing in relation to the captioned application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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